



**Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report**

**Meeting Date:** December 6, 2016

**Presenter:** Brian Schilling

**Submitting Dept:** Engineering - Pathways

**Subject:** Consideration of Request to WYDOT to Return FY13 TAP Funding

**Statement / Purpose:**

Authorize a letter to WYDOT requesting reallocation of \$350,000 TAP funding for the South Park Loop pathway project.

**Background / Description (Pros & Cons):**

Teton County was awarded \$350,000 in Transportation Alternative Program funding (formerly TEAL program) from the Wyoming Department of Transportation in 2013 for the South Park Loop pathway project. The TAP program provides federal transportation funds to local governments for “enhancement” projects on a reimbursement basis at an 80/20 federal/local split. Teton County intended to use the TAP funding for planning and design services with any remaining funds to be used to partially fund construction (which was originally estimated at \$3.5 million). Subsequent to the TAP funding award, Teton County voters approved a Specific Purpose Excise Tax to fund the remainder of the construction. The planning and design process produced a final design that was far less than the original estimate and Teton County was able to complete the project using entirely local funding. Since no TAP funds will be needed for the South Park Loop project, staff recommends unbinding the FY13 TAP funding, returning the funds back to WYDOT for reallocation into the general TAP funding pool. Teton County could then apply for TAP funds for other projects in the future.

**Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement:**

None.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None. There is no cost to Teton County as TAP is a reimbursement program. No TAP funds were used on the project.

**Staff Impact:**

None.

**Legal Review:**

K. Gingery approved.

**Staff Input / Recommendation:**

Approve.

**Attachments:**

1. Draft of letter to Keith Compton, WYDOT (1 page)

**Suggested Motion:**

I move to approve the letter to WYDOT requesting to return the FY2013 Transportation Alternative Program funds for the South Park Loop pathway.

December 6, 2016

Keith Compton  
District 3 Engineer  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1260  
Rock Springs, WY 82902

Dear Mr. Compton,

Teton County was awarded \$350,000 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding in 2013 for the South Park Loop Pathway Connector project (Project Number STP-E-LC 0.00 TL13003). Teton County intended to use the TAP funding for planning and design services, with any remaining funds to be used to partially fund construction, which was originally estimated at \$3.5 million. Subsequent to the TAP funding award, Teton County voters approved a Specific Purpose Excise Tax to fund the remainder of the construction, but the planning and design process produced a final design that was far less than the original estimate and Teton County was able to complete the project using entirely local funding. Since no TAP funds will be needed for the South Park Loop project, Teton County wishes to unbind the FY13 TAP funding, returning the funds back to WYDOT for reallocation into the general TAP funding pool. It appears the cooperative agreement for this project was not formally executed. Please let us know any additional steps Teton County should take in order to release the TL13003 funding. We appreciate your assistance with our local enhancement projects and look forward to working with WYDOT on future projects.

Sincerely,

Barbara Allen  
Chairwoman  
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Cc:

Sara Janes, WYDOT Local Program Coordinator  
Mariah Johnson, WYDOT Local Programs Specialist